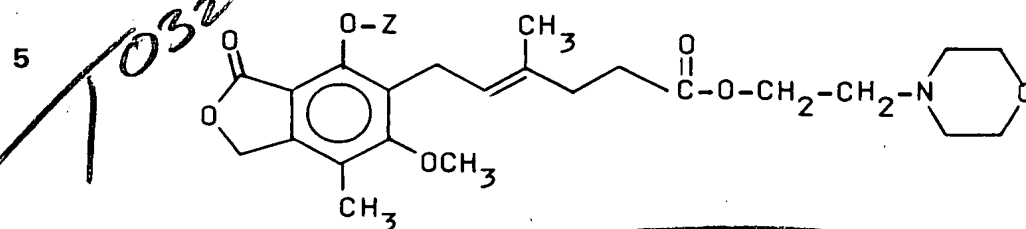


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by the formula:



wherein:

Z is hydrogen or $-C(O)R$,
 where R is lower alkyl or aryl;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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2. The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is hydrogen.

3. The hydrochloride salt of the compound of claim 2.

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4. The sulfate or bisulfate salt of the compound of claim 2.

5. The bisulfate salt of the compound of claim 2.

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6. The compound of claim 1 where R is lower alkyl.

7. The compound of claim 6 wherein Z is $-C(O)CH_3$.

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8. The hydrochloride salt of the compound of claim 7.

9. The compound of claim 6 wherein Z is $-C(O)CH_2CH_3$.

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10. The compound of Claim 6 wherein Z is pivaloyloxy.

11. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Z is 5 benzoyloxy.

12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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13. A method of treating autoimmune, inflammatory, and psoriatic diseases in mammals, which comprises administering to a mammal suffering therewith a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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14. A method of treating tumors in mammals, which comprises administering to a mammal suffering therewith a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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15. A method of treating viruses in mammals, which comprises administering to a mammal suffering therewith a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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16. A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis in mammals, which comprises administering to a mammal suffering therewith a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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